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CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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DATE: 10 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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PRESIDENT BALAGUER APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN TO WIN A THIRD TERM IN THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16. THE US EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BALAGUER MAY FACE A HARDER FIGHT THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE SO-CALLED "SANTIAGO PACT" OPPOSITION FRONT IS GAINING STRENGTH.

BALAGUER IS CAMPAIGNING HARD, AND IS CAREFULLY TENDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE MILITARY. HE HAS TRANSFERRED BRIG GEN SALVADOR LLUERES FROM THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE TO THAT OF AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF IN ORDER TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE TO AIR FORCE MORALE BY THE PREVIOUS CHIEF'S INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION.

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THE "SANTIAGO PACT" IS JUST GETTING OFF THE GROUND, LESS THAN THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION. IT HAS BEEN STYMIED FOR MONTHS BY INTERNAL RIVALRIES AND DISCISSION. ITS CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT MAY HAVE SOME BASIS, BUT AT LEAST SOME VIOLENCE MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM FACTIONALISM WITHIN THE FRONT. E-2 IMPDET.H

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